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**Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)
Emergency Operations Center
Sunday, September 14, 2008, 4:30 p.m.**

The IDHS Emergency Operations Center is now staffed with the following and is on 24-hour operations.

General Description

Rain, high winds and other severe weather are being experienced in different parts of the state due to Hurricane Ike. Many areas of the state are on weather alert into the evening. The center of Hurricane Ike is expected to be out of the state by 10 p.m.

Summary

- 2 fatalities in Porter County.
- Sandbagging was conducted last night in Lake County.
- IDHS, DNR and ISP have deployed to Lake County.
- Evacuations underway in Lake County.

River Monitoring

Various rivers and bodies of water are of concern. To monitor as information comes in, go to:
www.weather.gov/ahps

Southern Indiana

Damage has been reported in several counties in southern Indiana. 90,000 customers are without power in Jennings County.

Central Indiana

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a wind advisory for most of Central Indiana until 8 p.m. Sunday. 30 mph sustained winds with 50 mph wind gusts are expected.

Engaged in Response Operations

The following State of Indiana agencies and entities are engaged with response operations: Indiana Department of Corrections, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana National Guard, Indiana State Police and Indiana Task Force 1. Specific numbers of staff engaged in operations are being gathered at this time.

- DOC is mobilizing trustee prisoners for sandbagging.
- INDOT is helping with debris removal in Crawford County.
- Indiana National Guard has about 40 soldiers in Lake County to help with evacuation and safeguarding of property.

- ISP's dive team is assisting in Lake County.
- Indiana Task Force 1 has one member providing rescue coordination and subject matter expertise.

Crawford County

Indiana Department of Transportation is assisting with local debris removal operations in Crawford County.

Elkhart County

The NWS has issued a flood warning for Elkhart County until 7:30 p.m.

LaGrange County

The NWS has issued a flood warning for LaGrange County until 7:30 p.m.

Lake County

Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) water rescue teams are on scene in Munster (Lake Co.). Indiana State Police dive teams are there also.

Evacuations are underway in several areas of Lake County due to flooding. I-80/94 closed to Mile Marker 34.

Sandbagging operations were conducted last night and efforts are still underway. Included for sandbagging is Munster, Highland, Dyer, Hammond, Schererville. Evacuations are underway in several areas of Lake County due to flooding. Munster. Sandbags: 40,000. Pounds of Sand: 96,000. Sandbagging being handled Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and local volunteers.

Rain from last night's event has increased stream levels and rain is forecasted throughout the day today.

ISP has recalled troopers from the motorcycle race in Indianapolis back to the Lowell district.

NWS has upgraded the flood warning at Munster for the Little Calumet River in Lake County through Monday night.

DNR boat crews and ISP dive teams are on scene.

An IDHS planning team of two has been dispatched to Lake County for operations and support. The team will join the IDHS district coordinator already in Lake County who is providing support.

LaPorte County

The NWS has issued a flood warning for urban areas and small streams in LaPorte County until 11:30 p.m.

Marshall County

The NWS has issued a flood warning for Marshall County until 7:30 p.m.

Porter County

2 fatalities have been reported in Chesterton. Two adults were swept into a culvert. Porter County Emergency Management Agency activated its emergency operations center in response to flooding.

St. Joseph County

St. Joseph County Emergency Operations Center has been activated. Wind gusts of 60 mph have been reported. The NWS has issued a flood warning for urban areas and small streams in St. Joseph and LaPorte counties until 11:30 p.m.

Starke County

The NWS has issued a flood warning for Starke County until 7:30 p.m.